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FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1899.

This is the prosperity that was promised. These are the better times to which the policy of the Republican party was dedicated in 1896. But they have by no means reached their maximum, as capital is all the time going into new enterprises and employing new hands; the area of productive industry is increasing, the markets for American wares are growing more numerous and varied. We ought to grow richer and busier for years to come, and will undoubtedly do so if the people in their wisdom are content to sustain the policies at Washington out of which this prosperity has streamed, and to frown down all rash economic experiments, however alluring they may be, which are proposed to make a good thing better.

The army signal service in the Philippines is the most extensive and complete ever used in war. Gen. Otis at Manila being always in telegraphic and telephonic communication with the officers on the firing line. Theoretically this use of the telegraph and telephone should long ago have become a commonplace feature of modern warfare, but as a matter of fact the Americans are the first to achieve really practical results with the system.

The "Mill End" Sale.

This Sale as Conducted at L. H. Hayt's Department Store is an Innovation Worthy the Name.

Surely this is an age innovation and progress. The American people crave the new and the strange, but it is that unsold something in the make-up of the American citizen to be first in everything that has given them the front rank throughout the civilized world. This "mill end" sale is a new idea and the property of a gentleman by the name of C. A. Lockhart of Philadelphia. He is a mill contractor for these special lots of goods. About two years since he originated the idea and at once secured a government copyright, and then arranged to give sales at retail in the different stores in the larger cities, of his mill ends or short lengths. Mr. Hayt, ever alert to the best interests of the constituency of his store, visited one of these sales in Detroit and at once arranged to have Mr. Lockhart come to Alma and conduct a sale. A reporter for this paper was shown some of the goods and we are free to state we deem it an opportune time for our people to get their spring and summer needs at a nominal cost. The display of new goods, the great transformation in the Hayt Department Store, are together worth going to see. The sale commenced yesterday and will continue about one week. During this sale the following persons are assisting the regular clerks in waiting on the crowd of customers: Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Convis of Maple Rapids, Mrs. H. G. Price of Alma, Miss Agnes Bent of Shepherd, Mrs. L. H. Hayt, Miss Lena Schwartz, Miss Josie Whipple, Clem Barnes, David Howe and Oscar Dean of Alma.

Base Ball.

Alma and Mt. Pleasant met last Saturday in the first game of ball for the trophy offered by the Central Michigan Inter-collegiate Association. It had been expected a very close and interesting game would be witnessed, but it was a walk away for Alma from start to finish. The Alma batters pounded the ball at will and their fielding was nearly perfect, while Mt. Pleasant was unable to do anything with Sears, he allowing but five hits, scattered in as many innings. Benedict was barred from the game and Dunning officiated behind the bat.

Mt. Pleasant came here confident of victory, accompanied by a large crowd of rooters, but was sadly disappointed. Alma won the game on its merits. A marked improvement is shown in the playing of the team over former years especially in batting. The game was devoid of wrangling and the umpiring excellent. Score by innings:

Alma	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Mt. Pleasant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Batteries—Sears and Dunning for Alma, Archer, Elliot and Williams for Mt. Pleasant.

Hits—Alma 24, Mt. Pleasant 5.  
Two base hits—Johnson, Dunning and Elliot.  
Three base hits—Sears and Ringle.

There'll Come a Time  
When you will be in sore need of something to ease the pain of a bruise, cut, burn, strain, rheumatism, neuralgia, or some other ailment either on your own person or that of some of your family. Would it not be wise to have a bottle of that best of all pain cures, Henry & Johnson's Arnica and Oil Liniment, handy by in case of any accident? Also good for horses and cattle. We sell it and guarantee it to cure or money refunded. SHARRER & MCHOLLAND, (Successors to B. S. Webb.)

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Geo. S. Aldrich of St. Louis was in Alma Tuesday on business.

Mrs. F. E. Osborn is spending a few days this week visiting friends in Mt. Pleasant.

The ladies of the M. E. church have discontinued their weekly exchange on account of the busy season of the year.

Are we to observe Decoration Day? If so it is about time some move was being made by those who are entitled to have charge of the exercises.

Mrs. L. A. Sharp and daughter, Velma, Misses Whiting and Wagner and A. W. Beckner left on Thursday morning for Ann Arbor to attend the May Festival.

The village committee go to Mecosta today to investigate the street improvements that have been made there, and the procuring of gravel for the purpose of improving the streets of Alma.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church is planning to give a Business Men's Bazaar sometime during the coming fall. No definite time has been decided upon, but it will probably take place in October.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Sherwood of Allegan are stopping at the sanitarium for a short time in order to procure a much needed rest from the business cares of life. Mr. Sherwood is one of the most prominent business men of Allegan and expresses himself as being highly pleased with Alma and its surroundings.

It looks now as though there would be an electric line between Alma and St. Louis before many months. We are informed that a prominent man of St. Louis, who is well able to undertake the project and who is not given to talking for nothing, has expressed himself as guaranteeing the completion of the enterprise if the necessary franchise can be secured in both places and along the route.

Beet Sugar Notes.

Contractors have commenced work on the foundations for the new sugar factory at Bay City.

The question of procuring acreage no longer troubles the Holland Sugar company. Already enough has been pledged to run the factory this season and those of the farmers who are waiting for "something to turn up" will find themselves left out in the cold.—Mich. Sugar Beet.

In Colorado 39,000 acres of land will be planted to sugar beets.

The Union Sugar Co., of Santa Maria, Cal., has closed contracts with farmers for 3,000 acres of beets. The company will also grow beets on 1,000 acres of its own land near the factory.—Grocers' Criterion.

In the vicinity of Grand Junction, Col., the sugar company does the planting of beets at a cost of 50 cents per acre, furnishing team and man, sells the seed for 15 cents per pound and takes a first lien on the crop for the amount.

On the farm of Adam Schuler may be seen an unusual sight this week. Mr. Schuler has rented to the Kalamazoo Beet Sugar Co., one hundred acres of his farm, which will be planted to sugar beets. Mr. Schuler has been engaged by the company as superintendent of the work, and he is very carefully looking after all the details. Thursday morning Mr. Schuler began plowing, having ten men and as many teams employed. Together with the twenty acres Frank White has leased, there will be 120 acres of sugar beets on the Schuler farm this season. The work of plowing, weeding and caring for the crop will require the services of upward of fifty men all summer.—Allegan Chronicle.

S. S. Convention.

The following is the program of the third semi-annual S. S. convention to be held in the Disciple church of Forest Hill on Sunday, May 14:

MORNING SESSION, 10:00.  
Music—by Convention.  
Invocation—by Rev. H. H. H. H.  
Address—by President M. H. H. H.  
Report—by Mrs. H. H. H. H.  
Talk—by J. L. Miller, Alma.  
Talk—by G. M. Hutchinson, Alma.  
Review of the Day's Lesson.  
Song—by Mrs. W. F. Hickman, Belle.  
Song—by Forest Hill S. S.  
Talk—by B. P. Worthington, Belle.  
Talk—by J. B. Salina, Breckinridge.  
Singing—by Convention.  
EVENING SESSION, 7:30.  
Music—by Orchestra.  
Prayer—by Convention.  
Song—by Forest Hill S. S.  
Devotional—by Laura Parsons.  
Recitation—by Laura Kirt.  
Music—by Orchestra.  
Talk—by D. S. Carmichael, Alma.  
Talk—by Mrs. Nellie Hildner.  
Song—by Elm Grove S. S.  
Recitation—by Hattie Sprague.  
Recitation—by Ora Clifton.  
Paper—by Zane Sprague.  
Devotional—by Forest Hill S. S.  
Music—by Orchestra.  
Talk—by George Asker.  
Recitation—by Mrs. Nellie Hildner.  
Talk—by Edge Shaw.  
Song—"God be with us till We meet again."  
Benediction—by Amos.

Pasture to Let.

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Churches & Societies.

CHURCHES.

On Sunday next at the Baptist church there will be preaching at the usual hour, morning and evening by Rev. Hamilton Fraser, of Detroit. Sunday School at 11:45 a. m. Young People's Union 6:30 p. m.

The services in the M. E. church Sunday evening will be in charge of the Epworth League in the place of the regular preaching services. The occasion is the celebration of the anniversary of the League. A special program will be arranged for the evening. All invited.

The subject of the morning sermon at the Presbyterian church will be, "What is it to be a Christian?" The evening subject will be, "The Duty of Keeping a Promise"—a lesson from the Rechabites. Sabbath School at 11:30 a. m. Endeavor meeting at 6:00 p. m. All are welcome.

The subject of the pastor's morning sermon at the M. E. church will be, "Conditions of Peace." The evening service will be in charge of the Epworth League in observance of the 10th anniversary of the organization of that society. Papers will be given by Prof. F. F. Bradley, Miss Laura Button and Miss Mae Sargent, and a short address by the pastor. Special music for both services. Everybody welcome.

SOCIETIES.

Regular meeting of Fitz James Lodge, No. 95, K. of P., tonight. Work in the third rank.

The ladies of the Baptist church will serve a supper in the old Pollasky block Wednesday, May 17, from five to eight o'clock and in connection will conduct a cario hall and fishing pond.

Sanitarium Happenings.

Mrs. Fred Avery of Chicago visited her husband here this week.

M. C. Sherwood and wife of Allegan are among the recent guests.

Chas. J. Stedding, ex-mayor of Grand Rapids, and wife arrived the first of the week.

Mrs. F. A. Deltasse and daughter, Mrs. D. H. Sicks, of Chicago arrived Thursday night.

Miss Hattie Davis returned to Saginaw Thursday, but expects to return some time next week.

G. H. Porter, a capitalist of Chicago, arrived Wednesday and will remain a short time for "health and rest."

A Wood's Needle Bath Machine has been placed in the Turkish bath rooms and will be ready for use Saturday.

J. A. Blitzer, Alma's popular florist, is replenishing the large urns and flowerbeds about the institution this week.

A novel entertainment will be given in the sun parlors next Saturday evening in the form of Mrs. Jarley's wax works.

G. P. Richardson of Chicago, of "Richardson Silk" fame spent Sunday at the institution with his wife and daughter.

Next week there will be placed in the sun parlors a magnificent mahogany finish grand piano. A recital will be arranged for in a short time.

Mr. O. B. Pettit of Richmond, Ind., who have been taking treatment for some time, has entirely recovered and will leave for Baltimore, O., some time next week.

Among the recent arrivals are Max Eichenberg of Chicago, the largest suspender manufacturer in the United States, and Geo. Banker and sister, Mrs. Sarah Lathrop, of Hillsdale.

New solid porcelain tubs are being placed in the ladies' and gents' bath rooms this week and the plumbing is being all refitted. All the woodwork is also being repainted and varnished.

Dr. Goertner of Saginaw was here this week consulting with Dr. Pettyjohn in regard to the case of Wesley Hanchett, son of Benton Hanchett of Saginaw, who is here for treatment.

For Sale.

Five or six tons of first-class timothy hay. Inquire of M. C. Dallas.

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Suits worth 10.00, now 7.25	Jackets worth 10.00, now 7.25
Suits worth 8.00, now 5.25	Jackets worth 8.00, now 5.25
Skirts worth 10.00, now 7.50	Jackets worth 6.00, now 3.75
Skirts worth 8.00, now 5.25	Jackets worth 5.00, now 3.00
Skirts worth 6.00, now 3.75	Capes worth 8.00, now 5.25
Skirts worth 5.00, now 3.00	Capes worth 6.00, now 3.75
Skirts worth 4.00, now 2.50	Capes worth 5.00, now 3.00

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At Our Store This Week.

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Men's Fine Negligee Shirts, usual price \$1.00, our price 85c.  
Men's Overalls, Extra Heavy Denham, you buy them elsewhere at 50c, our price 42c.  
Lace Curtains sold all round at \$1.50 and \$1.60 a pair, our price \$1.35 a pair.  
We will sell you Full Bleached 8-4 Sheet at 16c per yard.  
Ladies' Tailor Made Wrappers, regular price 85c, our price 65c each.  
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